



KAWAKAWA PRIMARY

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Term 3, Week 5 2025

Kia ora koutou katoa, we are already halfway through term 3 and it has been busy.

Whānau, Ākonga, Kaiako Conference Thank you to all whānau who attended conferences over the past three weeks. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss your child's learning and behaviour, helping strengthen the partnership between home and school. Winners of our spot prizes and the NHOK kitchen voucher will be announced on Facebook soon. If you have any further questions about your child's learning, please contact their teacher.

Sore Throats There has been a rise in the number of students experiencing sore throats and testing positive for strep throat. If your child is complaining of a sore throat, it is important that you have their throat swabbed and treated promptly. Please refer to the attached information sheet to learn more about Rheumatic Fever and how it can be prevented and managed.

Room 11 and Room 10 With our growing roll we have opened 2 new classrooms this term. Room 10 is now a Y6,7&8 class made up of students from Room 5 and 6 to help lessen the number in these two senior classes. Room 11 also started last week and is a new entrant class. We welcome our new whānau and students into Room 11.

Class Weekly Attendance Each week we acknowledge the class with the highest attendance. The class with the highest percentage of students at kura for the week get a prize on Friday. We are also identifying those classes who have had 100% attendance during the week. There is a clear connection between attending school regularly and doing well in the classroom, so let's encourage and support our tamaiti to be at school each day they can. Congratulations to Room 6 and Room 16 on receiving these awards over the past 2 weeks.

Board Elections 2025 Timeline

- **Nominations Closed:** 12pm, Wednesday 6th August
- **Voting Papers Issued:** Wednesday 13th August
- **Election Day Voting Closes:** 4pm, Wednesday 10th September
- **Postal Votes Accepted:** Monday 15th September
- **Results Announced & Take Office:** Wednesday 17th September

Fun Run Next Friday 22nd August is the Kawakawa Primary Fun Run at United Kawakawa rugby club. Students will catch the train to and from the rugby field. There are points for house colours and whānau participation so make sure you come along and join in. See poster on the back. A note will be sent home next week with more information.

Weekly assemblies We have changed our morning taumata and how we share our learning. Taumata will be in the marae on a Monday and Friday, the rest of the week it will be in classes. On Wednesday afternoon at 2pm we will all be going to the hall and one class per week will be sharing their learning with the school and present class certificates. We would love to see whānau attend these assemblies.

Paid Union Meetings - School as usual

Our staff will be attending Paid Union Meetings on two dates: Tuesday, 19th August, and Wednesday, 27th August. We have scheduled our kaiako and support staff to participate in these important hui, ensuring that the school will operate as usual.

Nā Whaea Patsy

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST

Wed 13 Board of Trustees voting papers issued
Fri 15 Finals for Yr 7&8 netball
Fri 15 - Sun 17 NHOK wānanga- Otiria marae
Tues 19 Yr 8 Orientation day at BOI College
Paid Union Meetings for staff (School as normal)
Thurs 21 Storylines tour
NHOK Training Day
Fri 22 Fun Run
Wed 27 Paid Union Meetings for staff
Fri 29 NHOK Training Day
Sat 30 AIMS Games netball team leaves

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 St John Responding to Emergency training for students (3 days)
Tue 2 Duffy assembly time 2.00pm
Wed 3 Rugby League tournament Y7&8 Moerewa
Fri 5 Ki-o-Rahi Moerewa School Yr 7&8
Mon 8 NED Show
Wed 10 Board voting closes 4pm
Thur 11 Film Festival
Fri 12 Interschool XCountry UK Clubrooms
Mon 15 Board postal votes accepted
Tue 16 Attendance Pizza Party
Wed 17 New Board announced
Fri 19 End of Term 3

OCTOBER

Mon 6 Term 4 starts

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR KURA

Saturday Netball

Learning

Life Education

Steps of rheumatic fever

**Kids tell your
parents or an adult
if you have a sore
throat**



**Adults look for the
signs of a sore throat**

- hard to swallow
- trouble eating or drinking

Sore throat

Sore throat checked

Go to doctor or nurse straight away to get every sore throat checked.



Sore throat is 'strep throat' (caused by bacterial infection or bug called Group A Streptococcus).



'Strep throat' is treated - take antibiotics for 10 days. It's important to finish all the antibiotics.



Stops 'strep throat' and rheumatic fever.

**Healthy and
active with
strong heart**



Sore throats not checked

Don't go to the doctor or nurse to get sore throat checked, stay unwell.



Sore throat could be 'strep throat'.

'Strep throat' not treated with medicine (antibiotics).

Rheumatic fever could develop.

Get very sick from rheumatic fever - tiredness, sore and swollen joints (knees, elbows, ankles and wrists).

**Unwell and tired with
serious heart problems
- rheumatic heart
disease**



Rheumatic fever and hearts

Rheumatic fever

If your child gets rheumatic fever, it may cause permanent damage to their heart valves. This is called rheumatic heart disease.

A heart valve acts like a one-way door. It makes sure that blood pumped by the heart flows in one direction only. When the heart valve is damaged it can leak and may:

- make it hard to breathe
- make your child feel tired all the time.



Your heart

The heart muscle is special as it pumps blood around your body. The blood provides your body with oxygen and nutrients. If something is wrong with your heart it can affect other parts of your body. This is why it's important to look after your heart.

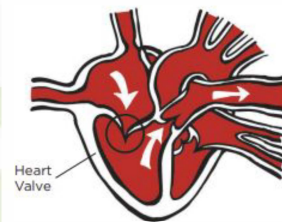


Illustration courtesy of the Heart Foundation NZ.

How does my heart work?

Your heart is located under the ribcage in the centre of your chest between your right and left lungs.

Its muscular walls beat, or contract, continuously. This pumps blood to all parts of your body.

A normal, healthy adult heart is generally the size of a clenched adult fist. However, some diseases of the heart can cause it to become larger.



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FUN RUN

FRIDAY 22nd

AUGUST

@ UNITED KAWAKAWA
RUGBY CLUB

HOUSE POINTS FOR:

20 POINTS PARTICIPATION

10 POINTS HOUSE COLOURS

100 POINTS IF WHANAU RUNS WITH YOU

RACES START AT 10AM



<https://skoolloop.com/en-au/parents/>

Our Kawakawa Primary School SKOOL LOOP APP is READY!

1. Download the SKOOL LOOP app to your phone
2. Select NORTHLAND - Kawakawa Primary School to get connected
3. Take a look at what is available in our SKOOL LOOP platform

We will gradually transition from Messenger Chats to Skool Loop, working together as a kura, with the goal of using it exclusively in 2026!

The app is **completely free to use** for schools and parents, and is trusted by thousands of schools across New Zealand.